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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF VISITS OF MINISTERS AND OIL FIELD SECURITY

1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR PENINSULA AFFAIRS ISMAIL AL-SHURA TOLD POL COUN ON MAY 27 THAT RECENT EXCHANGE OF VISITS OF INTERIOR MINISTERS OF SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER STATES ON THE PENINSULA DID NOT DEAL WITH OIL FIELD SECURITY. VISITS WERE OF TWO KINDS. SOME TOOK PLACE AS RESULT OF GENERAL INVITATION ISSUED BY SAG AT LAST ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING AND OTHERS WERE RETURN VISITS FOR VISITS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY SAUDI MINISTER OF INTERIOR PRINCE NAIF BUN ABD AL-AZIZ. SUBJECTS OF CONVERSATION WERE POLICE SECURITY, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES, AND CLOSER ADHERENCE TO KORANIC STANDARDS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, SHURA SAID TERRORISM WAS ALSO DISCUSSED, BUT HIS RESPONSE DID NOT INDICATE THAT THIS WAS CONSIDERED TO
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BE IMPORTANT TOPIC.

2. SHURA NOTED IN PASSING THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR FROM PDRY WHO VISITED RECENTLY ALSO TALKED TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND THAT HE DID NOT KNOW CONTENTS OF THOSE TALKS. HE ASSUMED THAT THEY CONCERNED SAUDI-PDRY RELATIONS. HOWEVER, TALKS WITH PRINCE NAIF CONCERNED ONLY SUBJECTS

ALREADY NOTED.

3. SHURA SAID OIL FIELD SECURITY FELL UNDER MINISTERS
OF PETROLEUM, AND THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSION IN SAUDI
ARABIA SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BETWEEN MINISTERS OF PETROLEUM
FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE. DISCUSSIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE
AT INITIATIVE OF UAE, WHO WANTED TO SEE WHAT SAUDI
ARABIA WAS DOING IN THIS FIELD. SHURA SAID VISIT AND
TALKS WERE CLOSELY HELD.
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